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Metcalfe

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For: EXPANDABLE SLOTTED
TUBING STRING AND
METHOD FOR CONNECTING
SUCH A TUBING STRING

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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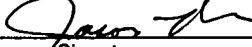
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 19, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 19, 2002, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0076/WBP for any fees necessary to make the submission of this response timely.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph between the Title of the invention and the Background.